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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/966,441	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SZYMCZAK ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Brian S. Kwon	<b>Art Unit</b> 1614	

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s)    is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s)        is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s)        is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s)        are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on        is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.       .
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. <u>      </u> |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **Status of Application**

1. Acknowledgement is made of applicants' filing of the instant application as a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.1114.
2. By Amendment filed November 09, 2005, claims 1-28 have been cancelled; claim 29 has been amended; and claims 30-38 have been newly added. Claims 29-38 are currently pending for prosecution on the merits.
3. With respect to the instant claim 29, it appears that the Applicant amended the claim 29 in view of the Examiner's indication of Allowable Subject Matter (pages 7-9 of O.A. mailed May 5, 2005) and the Advisory Action mailed September 09, 2005. Although the Applicant's cooperation to place the claimed invention in better form for the allowance is appreciated, the Examiner, in reconsideration, determines that the application is not ready for the allowance yet for the following reasons. Accordingly, the Examiner withdraws the indicated allowability of the claim 29 (page 9 of O.A. mailed May 5, 2005).

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. The following claim 29 drafted by the examiner and considered to distinguish patentably over the art of record in this application, is presented to applicant for consideration: "A solid oral dosage unit comprising a compressed admixture of a proportionate amount of simethicone, silicified microcrystalline cellulose, and magnesium aluminometasilicate, wherein the proportionate amounts, by weight, of the admixtures of simethicone, silicified microcrystalline

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cellulose and magnesium aluminometasilicate is about 1: about 0.5 to about 0.85: about 0.9 to about 1.30 per solid oral dosage unit”.

### ***Claim Objections***

5. Claim 31 is objected to because of the following informalities: “wher in” in line 1 should be corrected as “wherein”.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 29-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 29 recites that an adsorbent is selected from the group consisting of magnesium aluminometasilicate and silicified microcrystalline cellulose. According to the claimed language, the final composition of the claimed invention could only contain single adsorbent selected from magnesium aluminometasilicate or silicified microcrystalline cellulose, not both.

Since the criticality of the instant application lies in the specific proportionate amounts of simethicone:magenisum aluminometasilicate:silicified microcrystalline cellulose, about 1: about 0.5 to about 0.85:about 0.9 to about 1.30 per solid dosage unit, in said composition, the final composition resulted from the selection of single adsorbent, not mixture of aluminometasilicate and silicified microcrystalline cellulose, leaves the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the

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invention to which they refer, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claims unclear.

With respect to claims 37 and 38 (which is dependent claim of claim 37), there is insufficient antecedent basis for "the compressed admixture" in the independent claim 29.

***Conclusion***

7. No claim is allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Kwon whose telephone number is (571) 272-0581. The examiner can normally be reached Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached on (571) 272-0951. The fax number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

Brian Kwon  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brian Kwon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.